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Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**7<sup>th</sup> gr. Career Research Project:**  
**Step 1- Take the Survey**

1. Go to [www.ocis.org](http://www.ocis.org)
  - a. Username: NordoniaHS Password: ohiocis03 (ohio-cis-zero-three)
2. Click on the “Assessments” tab in red.
3. Under “What are my interests?” you’ll see “Career Cluster Inventory”. Click on “Go to Career Cluster Inventory”.
4. Read the instructions. When you’re ready, click on “Rate the Activities”.
5. Take the survey. If you do not understand the description, click on “Explain” on the right hand side of each survey statement. There are 80 survey statements.
  - a. After your 80<sup>th</sup> one, click on “Get Results”.
6. List your Top 4 (or more if there’s a tie) Career Clusters results:
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5) \_\_\_\_\_
7. You’re going to need to limit your “top 4” to just one soon. Click on the individual career cluster titles to learn more about each one individually. Remember that these are just career “clusters”—so each name can be broken down into various, specific career paths, or occupations.
8. After clicking on the individual career cluster titles, find “Topics” and “Related Information” on the left hand side of your page. Skim through each link (Overview, Pathways, Level of Education, etc.). Really think about whether the stuff you’re reading sounds interesting or exciting to you. If it does, great! If it doesn’t, keep looking through all “Top 4” career cluster results.
9. **NOTICE:** Under the heading, “Related Information”, there’s an “Occupations” tab. This link will bring you to another page that lists specific occupations (jobs) that fit under that career cluster.

10. In order to finalize your career/topic for your research paper, you'll need to not only choose which of those "top 4" career clusters are most interesting to you, but you'll also need to choose a specific occupation that fits under its description.
- a. *For example, "Business and Administrative Services" is a Career Cluster that came up on my survey results. But that's too general for my research paper topic. So instead, my career choice (topic) is a "Court Reporter", which was one specific occupation that fit underneath the Bus. and Admin cluster.*
11. What are the specific occupations you're interested in within the career cluster results you've chosen to focus on? (Remember, click on "Occupations" under the "Related Information" tab of each career cluster heading.)
- Try to narrow your "Top 4" to your Top 1 or 2 now...

a. Career cluster: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific occupation(s) you're interested in, under this career cluster:

List at  
least  
one!

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b. Career cluster: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific occupation(s) you're interested in, under this career cluster:

List at  
least  
one!

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12. You should click on each occupation (in blue) to learn more about it, specifically. On the left hand side again, you'll find even more links specifically for that career. Skim through this information just like you did with the broader career clusters to see what most interests you.
13. Make your final selection. What is the ONE specific occupation (career/job) you've chosen to research for your paper?
- \_\_\_\_\_
14. Record your topic in the upper right hand corner of the parent signature page. Talk your decision over with your parents/guardians.
15. Next step... write a thesis (I'll help you with that) and START COLLECTING INFORMATION FOR YOUR RESEARCH! You can start this while you're on the ocis.org website! 😊